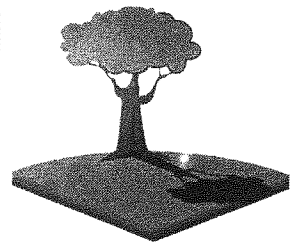


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CIP/OPPI Conference

The CIP/OPPI Conference 2001 Program Committee would like to extend an invitation to interested members of the planning community to help shape the content of "2001: A Spatial Odyssey" which will be held in Ottawa on July 8-11, 2001.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to participate on the Program Committee, which meets once a month. Working with the overall theme of the transformation of cities, the program committee and subcommittees for each of the conference themes are responsible for the content of the conference sessions.

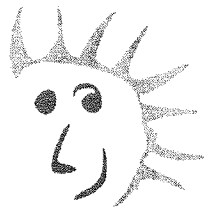
If you are interested in becoming a member of the Program Committee or one of the Subcommittees, please contact Marni Cappe at 560-6058 ext. 2739 or David Gordon at (613) 533-6000 ext. 77063.



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UPCOMING EVENTS - IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday, June 29, 2000

Eastern District Annual Summer Social

Earl of Sussex Pub, Sussex Drive

Cash Bar
5:00 p.m. till...



NEW MEMBERS:

Provisional Members

Luigi Aprile, Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton

Janet MacDonald, City of Nepean

Full Members

Nicholas Novakowski, University teaching in Istanbul

Vibrations is looking for articles by OPPI members relevant to planning issues, studies or events within the Eastern District, as well as people-and-places news for its fall issue.

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Ramblings from Ron

May 17, 2000



I think that you will all agree that these are hectic times for planners across Eastern Ontario, especially those involved in municipal planning and development. There are many ongoing high profile planning initiatives, and we're immersed in an environment of change.

The County of Renfrew and the United Counties of Stormont-Dundas & Glengarry are in the middle of preparing their first ever County Official Plans. Hopefully Vance Bedore, RPP and Kay Stone are sharing notes. The United County of Prescott & Russell's new OP has been approved, and Pierre Mercier, RPP is vigorously defending OMB appeals as I write. We haven't heard from Sandy Hay, RPP lately in *Vibrations*, but I'm hopeful that Leeds and Grenville have renewed a strong commitment to County Planning. I'm sure there's lots happening in the other reaches of our district, and in other planning fields, too.

In the Ottawa area, the coffee room talk revolves around restructuring. Many municipal planners have been seconded to special City of Ottawa transition committees. I'm pleased to see many OPPI members playing crucial roles in figuring out how the business of planning will be done in year 2001. With all the secondments, many wonder how any business is being done this year, but it is obvious to me that we have plenty of over-achievers among us.

OPPI is directly involved in the Ottawa restructuring process. Our second workshop was held in April, with the benefit of a presentation by Kathy Greiner, a member of the Transition Board. We were also fortunate to hear from Barry Edgington, RPP, who was just a week or two into his appointment to the Transition Board staff. Barry is quarterbacking a squad that will design the service delivery model for planning and development. Word has it that he has been given a cot and a sleeping bag, and is now chained to his workstation until January. Go Barry Go!

We plan to prepare a brief and make a presentation to the Transition Board this spring or early summer. The crux of the OPPI position is that the mission of the new planning department needs to have a balance between short and long term planning activities. For example, the name of the department is slated to be merely the "Development Department", and we are seeking a renaming to the "Planning & Development Department". There's obviously more to the function of the department than merely approving plans and permits ... and we will drive this point home on your behalf.

On another topic, there will be some more information sent to you this spring regarding OPPI's new initiatives, including the hiring of a policy planner, and a proposed member liability insurance policy. These initiatives come with a price tag, so it is important that you give me your views on them.

I hope to see you at the summer social on June 29, unless of course you're too frazzled or you've been seconded to a Transition Committee meeting that night ...

Cheers!

Ronald A. Clarke, MCIP, RPP
Chair, OPPI Eastern District

WHAT'S NEW IN

RENFREW COUNTY

by D. Vance Bedore, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning and Economic Development, County of Renfrew

INTERESTING FACTS

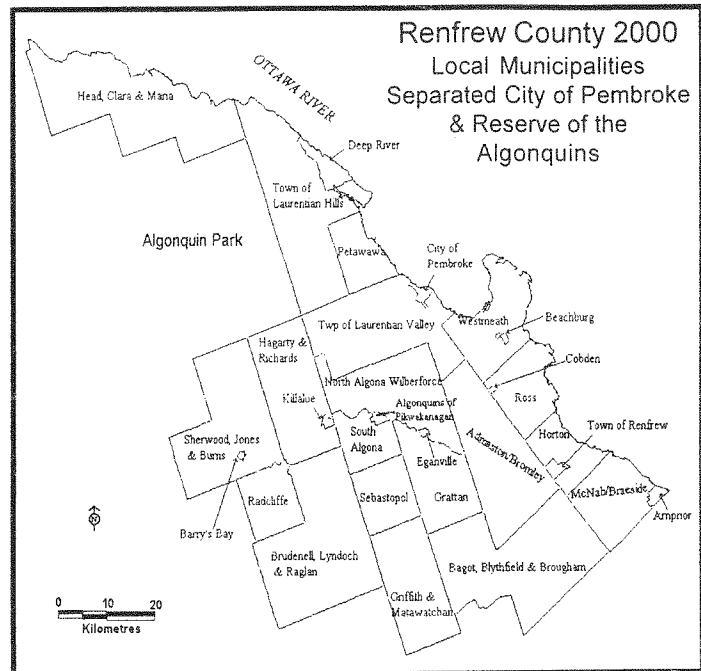
- Area of Renfrew County is 7,200 sq. km. (larger than Prince Edward Island)
- 4 major river systems and over 300 pristine lakes
- Ottawa River Waterway over 500 km. in length
- Foymount: the highest population point in Ontario (500 metres)
- Site of North America's first sustained nuclear reaction: Chalk River Laboratories
- Age of Bonnechere Caves fossils: 500 million years
- Site of Canada's first military flight: Canadian Forces Base Petawawa
- Site of Canada's only (and thankfully, short-lived) feudal system: McNab Township

County Plan

The next two years will see planners at the County of Renfrew Planning and Economic Development Department preparing the first upper tier plan for the County! Senior Planner Greg Pulham is the lead staff person for the project.

The County's review of municipal governance and service delivery in 1998 recognized that an upper tier official plan is necessary to provide a coordinated approach on land use and development issues across the County. The County of Renfrew Official Plan will re-direct the resources, energy and creativity of the involved local municipalities to promote the "shared interests" of the community of the County of Renfrew.

The County Planning and Economic Development Department sees a community planning model where the County Plan and five local or secondary plans for urban areas could replace the twenty eight local official plans that now exist. This model has been and will continue to be discussed with local municipalities as the County Plan unfolds. Regardless of whether that particular model is endorsed, the County Plan provides an opportunity to adapt land use planning in the County



of Renfrew to the local municipal amalgamations occurring in the County.

The Planning and Economic Development Department is preconsulting broadly with the County of Renfrew's constituent municipalities, community leaders, stakeholder groups, provincial agencies and the public. We hope to build strong grass roots support for the plan through this process. For further information contact: gpulham@countyofrenfrew.on.ca.

Amalgamations

The County of Renfrew is undergoing a transition in its local municipal structure. As of January 1, 2001, the County will be composed of eighteen local municipalities. The current structure is twenty-seven municipalities. In 1996, there were thirty-six local municipalities in the County.

Gateway Parks

The transfer of provincial highways (240 kilometers) to the County over the past few years also brought forward the transfer of three provincial roadside parks.

With the transfer of the three roadside parks, the

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Operations and Economic Development, Planning and Property Committees of County Council held a number of meetings to explore the opportunity of developing an integrated network of roadside parks on County roads and Provincial highways. In reviewing the options available, careful consideration was given by the Committees as to whether or not this is an appropriate business for the County to be involved in. The conclusion of the Committees, which was endorsed by County Council on February 24, 2000, is that roadside parks strategically located are valuable resources, which if developed and managed properly, could enhance roadway safety and our ability to attract visitors to our community and encourage them to spend more time in our area. In addition, an integrated network of County roadside parks would permit a coordinated approach and a greater opportunity to market the entire County for tourism and economic development purposes.

The concept of an integrated network of roadside parks/rest stops is based on the County owning and operating five (5) gateway parks located as close as possible to the County boundary on each main entry to the County of Renfrew. These "gateway parks" would be at each end of Highway 17, Highway 41 near Griffith, Highway 60 near Barry's Bay and County Road 62 at Kamaniskeg Lake. These high profile parks will be developed to promote, in a general way, the attractions and businesses within the County.

Interspersed between the gateway parks will be eleven (11) roadside scenic or heritage stops. These parks will be developed to complement the features found at the gateways but will be more focussed on the scenic and

heritage beauty of the immediate local area. As you travel to the Upper Valley over the next few years, please stop and enjoy our new roadside park facilities.

Maps on the Web...SOON!

Over the past five years the Planning Department has amassed a large inventory of digital spatial data including road centrelines, civic addresses, property boundaries and related owner information, ANSI's, rail lines, property ownership, zoning, official plan designations, municipal boundaries, emergency service zones, water bodies, etc.

Timely access to information is necessary to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the decision-making process at all levels of government and by businesses and individuals. The County of Renfrew currently uses several separate software products in various departments to store and maintain spatial data. With the introduction of Internet mapping, authorized users will use a web browser to access the spatial data without the need for specialized training and G.I.S. software. Users will be able to select the layers and attributes they require for producing their own customized maps. Several pre-defined base and thematic maps with varying levels of detail depending on the selected scale will also be available for the user to view or print. The County's Internet mapping site, when developed over the next year, will provide immediate access to the most current data without the expensive capital costs and staffing requirements that are incurred in the development and maintenance of G.I.S. technology. For more information contact: khandford@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

Nominations for 2001/2002 Executive

by Don Maciver, Director at Large, Nominations & Awards

Formal nominations will soon be requested for the 2001-2002 Executive of the EOD. In accordance with the standing rules two (2) persons who are district members may nominate another qualified member. The Executive consists of the following members:

- Vice Chair & Chair of the Membership Committee
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director at Large: Program Events
- Director at Large: Nominations and Awards
- Publications Representative

Nominations must include the name, address, phone number and a brief biography of the person being nominated as well as the names of the nominators. Some of the existing Executive members intend to stand for renomination but at least two positions are expected to become vacant. Once a date has been set for the Annual General Meeting the clock will start ticking toward nomination day. Think about making your contribution to the District and OPPI over the next couple of years. Meetings are only once a month and you get to have breakfast with Ron. Questions may be directed to Don Maciver, EOD Director-at-Large for Awards and Nominations at (613) 692-3571, ext. 105.

Queen's International Experience Initiative

Preface by David Luchuk, Second Year Student Representative

The world's doors have been thrown open to students at Queen's University's School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP). Through its newly introduced *International Experience* initiative, the School has undertaken to fund three overseas research projects annually. Students are encouraged to propose planning-related trips to an independent student committee which selects the most viable and innovative projects from all the submissions. In this way, the School has literally placed a world of opportunity in the hands of its students.

The first of these international experience projects was completed by Cathy McDonald this past semester. Cathy is a second year graduate student whose project focused on the physical expression of the unification of Berlin. Over the next few months, the *International Experience* initiative will help bring an international flavour to planning studies at Queen's.

Challenges in the Transformation of Berlin

By Cathy McDonald, Queen's SURP

My two years at the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Queen's have been full of enriching experiences, both academic and social. In the final term of my program, I was given an opportunity for an enriching experience of another kind – travel. In March 2000, I traveled to Berlin, Germany as part of the SURP International Experience program, an initiative that began this year.

I chose Berlin because I was interested in the ways that large-scale cultural changes can affect urban and regional planning. In the pre-Nazi era, Berlin was one of the world's political, economic, and cultural centres. However, it was devastated by World War II and the division of the city. Since the fall of the Wall in 1989 and the re-unification of East and West Berlin in 1990, the city has been in the process of re-creating itself, with the hopes of again becoming a lively and livable world city, as it was in the 'Golden Twenties'. The federal government is completing its move from Bonn back to Berlin this year, and the new glass dome on the Reichstag is becoming the symbol of 'Da Neue Berlin' ('The New Berlin').

The challenges of transforming a divided city into a cohesive whole are many, and are physical as well as political. City maps during the time of division were either inaccurate, on the part of the West, or simply did not include the other half of the city, on the part of the East. Planners did have direct contact until 1956, and, after this time, had an 'unspoken cooperation' to

ensure that streets lined up and that building didn't occur in places that would block connecting routes. This was difficult as the lines of the wall were purely political and were arbitrary in terms of planning; city streets, transit lines, or homes were not considered.

Political issues between the two sides remain ten years after re-unification. With the fall of the Wall, the tendency was for West Berliners to want to obliterate any evidence of the East German past. Although Easterners had been under a repressive regime, it was difficult for many of them to let go of their history in this way. A West German friend told me that when the Wall first came down, the mood was one of euphoria and 'love your brother'; now, stereotypes abound. Westerners are seen as snobbish, and Easterners seen as unintelligent and unemployable.

The approach to physical redevelopment differed between the West and the East. The trend in the Western areas has been to demolish and re-build districts – the number of construction cranes was amazing. In the East, however, the infusion of funds to restore existing building stock was evident, due to the lack of East Berlin money to demolish and rebuild at the time of re-unification. Districts and neighbourhoods are therefore being re-created in different ways in the two parts of the city.

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I was very fortunate to have a friend living in Berlin at the time of my trip who introduced me to many people during my trip. This greatly enhanced my learning experience as I was able to talk to both East and West Berliners about their experiences of and opinions about the city as it was before and is now trying to become.

I am very appreciative of the fact that SURP has instituted this worthwhile program. For students such as myself, who had not yet been overseas, it allows for a valuable first experience in this regard. I also believe that the school is enriched by the student presentations upon return. I hope to see this program continue in the future.

Outreach to Senior Practitioners

by Nigel Brereton, Chair, Membership Committee

Three senior practitioner candidates have successfully completed a course offered on 31 March to 2 April 2000 to satisfy the Institute's written examination. They were three of seventeen planners from across Ontario who had enrolled in a program for planners with at least twenty years experience but who had not become full Members of OPPI.

The course, taught by Mark Seasons of the University of Waterloo, covered the four components of the written exam (field of expertise, planning theory, plan or policy formulation, and plan or policy implementation) and involved group discussions. In order to complete the course the participants had to submit an individual paper to address a question which incorporated the four components of the exam. The next step for the candidates is to take the oral exam which, as for all candidates, will be arranged to suit their convenience.

Not all the senior practitioners who were invited to take this course availed themselves of the opportunity (some were not available on the dates of the course) and in the Eastern District twelve potential candidates had been approached.

The Senior Practitioners Course was something OPPI Council asked the Membership Committee to develop. It was not a straight-forward task as it involved, on the one hand, Council's desire to encourage and expedite Membership for those senior practitioners who, for whatever reason, had not proceeded to full Membership (some were Provisional Members) and, on the other hand, not creating a double standard for other candidates who have to take the oral interview to become Provisional Members and later, after their experience has been validated, write the examination in its full form.

The question of membership requirements takes on heightened significance as the Institute proceeds with its Strategic Plan and increasing public awareness of what planners are. No decision has been taken on how long the Senior Practitioners Course will continue to be offered and is something which warrants discussion among the membership at large.

People on the move ...

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Delcan Corporation
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Urban Diversity: Managing Multicultural Cities

By Carrie Lee Chung

On March 21, the Urban Forum Series hosted a panel of experts to discuss the challenges that increasing multiculturalism poses to Canadian cities. Entitled "Urban Diversity: Managing Multicultural Cities", the panel was hosted in partnership with The Metropolis Project (a national consortium of federal departments and agencies interested in migration and diversity issues). The session was one of four similar lectures held in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, to discuss international migration and its effect on municipal affairs and urban planning.

Opening remarks were made by the Honourable Dr. Hedy Fry, Secretary of State, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, and Bob Chiarelli, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. Both speakers stressed the importance of incorporating diverse views into the planning process, particularly in Ottawa where 21% of the population is foreign born (1996 statistics as quoted by Chiarelli). According to Dr. Dan Hiebert, a panelist from the University of British Columbia, Ottawa is a good testing ground for immigration (and multicultural) policies because its immigration patterns are close to the national average. However, unlike other cities, Ottawa's immigrant populations are spread throughout the city with little concentration, making it difficult to deliver services efficiently.

Yet, as mentioned by Meyer Burstein, Executive Head of The Metropolis Project and moderator of the event, municipal governments have played a small role in effecting multicultural policies. This was echoed by Kass Sunderji from the Department of Canadian Heritage, who mentioned that while municipal governments have the largest impact on immigrants, municipalities often find it difficult to effect change because the services they offer are based on policies that have come from the federal government. "In order to address the needs of immigrants and thus create more multicultural cities", said Sunderji, "planning policy must come from the front end, which is the municipality."

However, as others on the panel warned, municipal policy-makers must be careful not to lump all immigrants together. Dr. Mohammed Qadeer from Queen's University reminded the audience that there are many

classes of immigrants, thus highlighting the importance of involving the groups for whom the services have been designed.

This does not mean that governments should only formulate policies. As pointed out by both Carl Nicholson from the Catholic Immigration Centre and Gérard Moreau from the Government of France, governments should remember that the presence of a written policy does not necessarily mean that problems will be addressed. Using the issues of education and employment as examples, Nicholson mentioned that the needs and concerns of many immigrant communities continue to be ignored by all levels of government. A large number of immigrants are young and highly educated but often find themselves unable to practice their professions because of the hurdles presented by professional licensing boards — a sad irony considering that many of these immigrants are educated in fields (such as medicine) where Canada is experiencing a skills shortage.

However, of even greater concern is the lack of government initiative in addressing this problem. The panelists agreed that the three levels of government need to play a greater role in addressing multicultural and diversity concerns, but few had practical suggestions on how to engage the government in a fruitful discussion. The only firm conclusion was that planners need to act as catalysts to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among the various stakeholders. Ensuring that the marginalised are heard, especially when Canada's immigrant communities cut across many cultures from a variety of income groups, will be a challenge, but it is one that must be addressed if Canada is to become the mosaic it believes it is.

Carrie Lee Chung recently transferred to OPPI from PIBC as a student member. She is a consultant at CIDA and an associate with Emerging Market Research Services

